



# *The Turning Point*

The newsletter of the Siouxland Woodturners  
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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## ***December Meeting – note time change.***

The December meeting will be at the Harrisburg High School on Saturday, December 2, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM. For newbies, go all the way around the west and north sides of the school to the northeast corner of the building. The meeting is in the wood shop. Follow the trail of sawdust. This will be a working session, no formal meeting. As per Royce's letter below, it will begin with a zoom-based demo from Michael Hunter out of Minnesota. Playing in the shop will begin after the demo.

For those of you who missed the note from Corky (or who misunderstood it like me), here's Corky's e-mail telling us of it.

The Minnesota Woodturners Chapter is hosting a demonstration 12/2. It will be presented by Michael Hunter, the owner of Hunter Tools out of Twin Cities. I understand that he has done a demonstration for us in the past. Mr. Hunter will be turning a Richard Raffan styled lidded

box. The MN President has agreed to stream it to us free. Zoom goes live at 9:30 and the demo starts at 10am. We will set up a TV at our shop to view it. Please feel free to bring donuts!

## **President's Message...**

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with plenty to eat and time spent with loved ones!

I have enjoyed serving as president of Siouxland Woodturners for the past year. I am pleased to be passing the torch to Aaron Salberg for the coming year. Being a relatively new member of Siouxland Woodturners, Aaron is a bit nervous about assuming the role of president but I think we would all agree that fresh ideas are a good thing. I'm anxious to see where Aaron will lead us this year. He has shared a few of his ideas with me and I am confident he will do a great job.

The December 2nd meeting is our annual "working meeting". No formal business meeting. Just some fun in the shop. In conjunction with the Minnesota Woodturners chapter, President-elect Aaron has lined up a streaming of a demonstration by Michael Hunter via Zoom. The Zoom goes live at 9:30 AM with the demo beginning at 10:00. Working in the shop will commence after that demo. It should be a fun day!

We have a few monthly demonstrations lined up for the start of the new year. However, there are plenty of open dates available. Please consider sharing your talents with us throughout the year by volunteering to do a demo at an upcoming meeting. During show-and-tell at our meetings I am always amazed by the work our members bring in and I know I speak for everyone when I say we would love to see you demonstrate at a meeting.

If I don't see you at the meeting on December 2, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

That's all for now. Until next time...*Keep the inside smaller than the outside!*

Royce

## **November Meeting Minutes...**

**Siouxland Woodturners**

## NOVEMBER 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting pen making for the military was conducted in the shop.

### Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by President Royce Meritt

27 Members and guests were present and introduced themselves

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to accept the minutes from the October meeting.

A review of the Treasurers report was presented with an ending balance of **\$2914.06**

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was accepted by voice vote.

### Committee Reports

- Community Ed- Michelle reported that all classes are full and are as follows
- 101 – April 9, 11, 16
- Pens April 18
- Bowls – April 23
- Twig pots – April 25

Mentors are needed and a sign up sheet was passed around

A discussion of the scholarship that was given to the club. Devin Niners won the scholarship worth \$45.00 for a class.

Michelle requested that we purchase a first aid kit for the classes. Motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote to purchase first aid kit(s)

- Library – No changes
- Equipment- (Bill)

Need for a switch and possible motor for a lathe

Doug asked if we need another lathe? (discussion followed)

Suggested to leave this up to the equipment committee

It was moved and seconded and passed by voice vote to have John Weaver contact the Jet rep regarding possible purchase of another lathe.

We can now sharpen tools in the trailer

- Technology (Gene) working on some things. Wants to do the memberships through the website
- Membership – Corky reported there are currently 51 paid memberships

Nick Cook presentation

Can spend a day with us. Feb. 18.the day after Stan Houston

\$650.00 + travel

We can provide lunch

Moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to move forward with having Nick Cook

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next meeting – December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Working meeting – bring ideas (no challenge)

- Carbide hollowing tool
- Cutting a circle
- Sharpening tools

January 6, 2024

Challenge – anything textured

Demo – spring classes (platters and bowls)

Woody – Carving tools

February – Royce – Twig pots

March – Al- salad bowls

April – Al –spoons

Although John Suhreptz has moved to Minnesota he is still making and sending us pen blanks for the military pen project. In appreciation of John’s continued work for the club is was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to make him an honorary lifetime member of the club.

Bill stated he has been contacted by the 4-H clubs to provide demos for the 4-H kids; It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to have Bill move forward on this project.

**2024 Elections**

In each case it was moved, seconded and passed by written vote for the following officers.

President – Aaron Salberg  
Vice – President – Royce Meritt  
Secretary – Ranah Sample  
Co secretary – John Olson  
Treasurer – Mike Dimick  
Membership – John Weaver  
Equipment – Bill McGinnis  
Raffles – Jim Collingwood  
Technology – Gene Wubben  
Library – Rex Pommier

It was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ranah Sample, Secretary

### **Challenge for November – ornaments**

1<sup>st</sup> place- Robert Tebben

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Michelle Biersted

(Pictures will be in newsletter and on Face book

### **Show and tell**

**Raffle - \$85.00**

### ***Program/Demo:***

The December activities will be carbide hollowing tools, circle cutting and chisel sharpening. If you need something sharpened, bring it along.

### ***Spring 2024 Community Ed Classes***

According to the minutes, all spring classes are full. Mentors are needed for classes. Unless things change, they will be held at Lincoln High as they have been.

04/04/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday 101 class  
04/11/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday 101 class  
04/16/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday 101 class  
04/18/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Pens  
04/23/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Salad bowls  
04/25/2024 6:00pm-8:30pm Thursday Weed pots

***November pens for the military pics.***

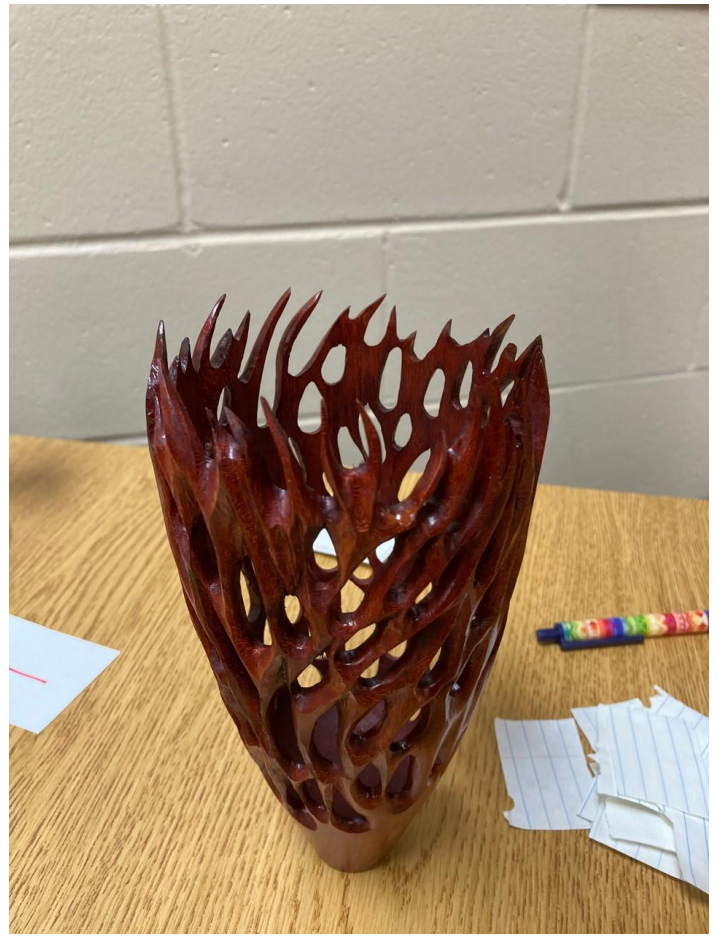


If I'm counting correctly, that is 222 pens!





**November Show and Tell**







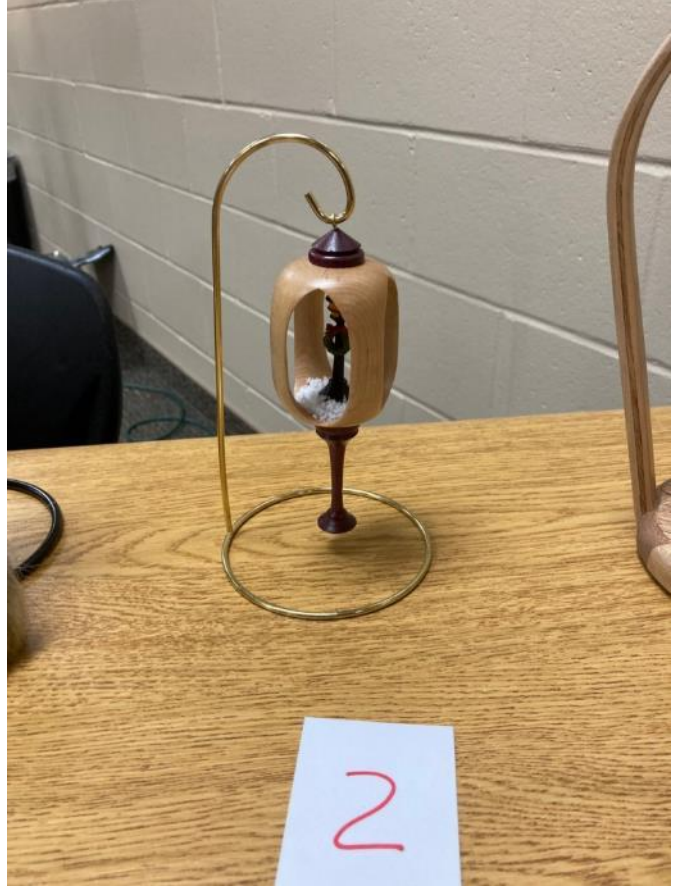
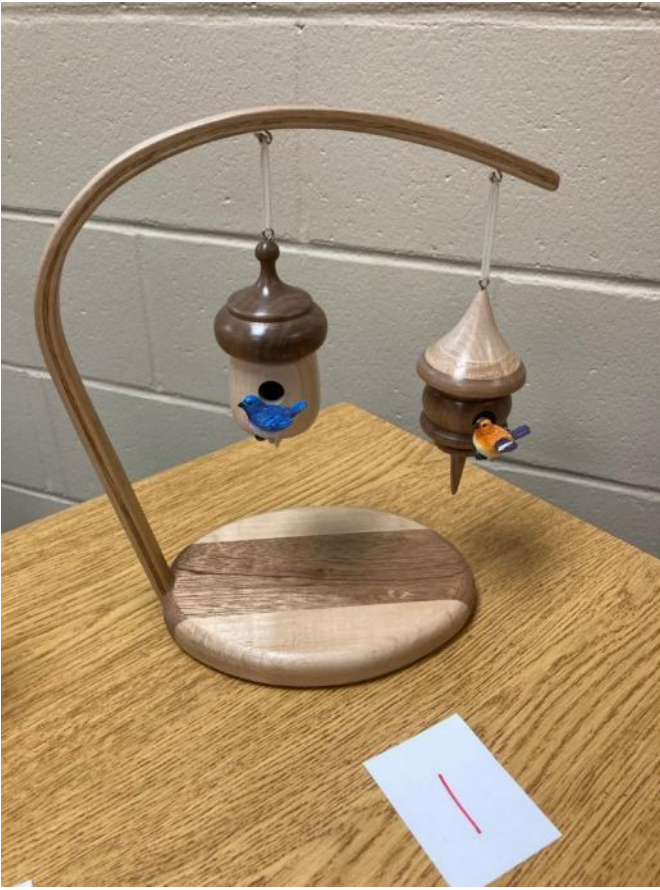








**November Challenge – ornaments.**



Numbers were for voting





***And the winners are:***

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Michelle Biersted, 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Robert Tebben